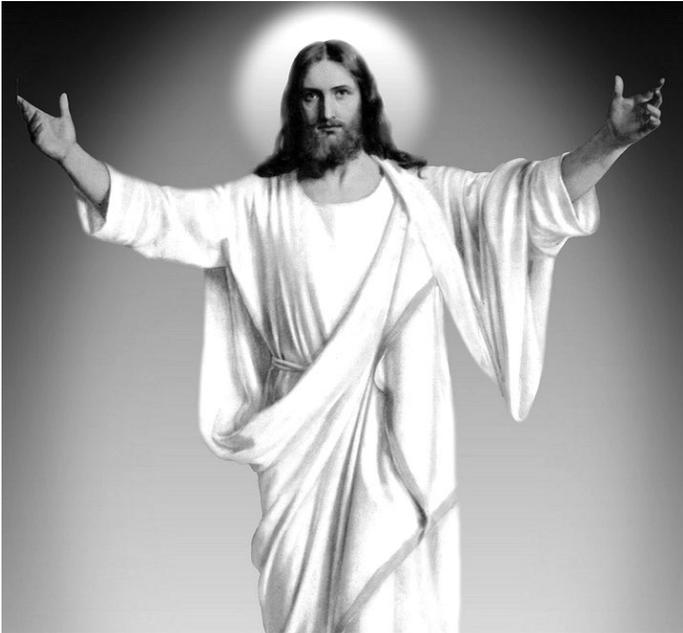


FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

July 9, 2017



“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” *Matthew 11:28*

ANNOUNCED MASSES

If you wish to bring up the gifts for a Mass being said for your loved one(s), please see the Usher before Mass.

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – July 8

5:00 PM Helen Donovan

Sunday, July 9 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Dimon and Robert Nicolosi and the Cirillo Family

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Roger Ailes

12:00 PM Charles Hustis

Monday, July 10 – Weekday

8:15 AM Helen Percacciolo

Tuesday, July 11 – Saint Benedict, Abbot

8:15 AM Matthew Gallagher and all the People of the Parish

Wednesday, July 12 – Weekday

8:15 AM Barbara A. Murphy

Thursday, July 13 – Saint Henry

8:15 AM George Rapalje

Friday, July 14 – Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

8:15 AM All the People of the Parish

Saturday, July 15 – Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM Jean Frisenda

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – July 15

5:00 PM Helen Donovan

Sunday, July 16 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Helen Percacciolo

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Frank Weise

12:00 PM Joseph Percacciolo, Sr.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Adult Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the choir loft. New members are welcome at all weekend Masses. If you would like to sing, please come to a rehearsal or call Jeffrey V. Lutz at 228-5612.

BETTER MARRIAGE

Are you spinning your wheels and unsure how to get there? We've got answers. To receive e-mail updates on marriage enrichment events in your area, register online at www.flrl.org. Sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York

GRAYMOOR PRAYER GROUP

Increase your time in prayer. The Graymoor Prayer Group, following the Medjugorje prayer format, meets Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 pm at the Spiritual Life Building 6th floor Chapel. The prayer facilitator is Diana Roda: (845) 424-4175.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERLINE

Call in your intercessions • Marian Shrine (Divine Mercy) Stockbridge • 800-804-3823

PLEASE PRAY

For the sick and suffering, especially

Lucy Abbatine	Todd Morris
Lucas Boesch	Joseph Nowakowski
Electra Bokanoski	Brian O'Keeffe
Nicole Bokanoski	Inelda O'Keeffe
Robert Broughal	Luis Padilla
The Brusco Family	Rosario Padilla
Kathleen Clements	Neilan Pierce
Ned Flanagan	Vivian Pisanelli
Christopher Hartly	Joan Rosado
Joseph Hoda	Phillip Rossignol
Parker Jane Holloway	Melissa Castro-Santos
Joey Hyatt, Jr.	Miguel Santos
Elizabeth M. Hynes	Laura Schiele
Geoff Lyons	Sally Singh
Kathleen Manganello	Ralph Torres
Mary Marion	Connie Tuomey
Paula Martino	Frank Volkmann
Merna Mendelson	Lidia Watrud

and for all our dearly departed, that the fighting among nations cease, that vengeance end and lasting peace begin, and for all of our prayers in our book of petitions.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday:	Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

At Our Lady of Loretto • Every Monday • 7:00-8:00 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament remains as it is with individual prayer time, but specific groups are being identified for certain Mondays so they can come together to focus in prayer for a specific intention...

- Jul 10 – The Respect Life Committee
- Jul 17 – Archbishop Dolan and all bishops
- Jul 24 – His Holiness Pope Francis
- Jul 31 – Children of the parish

Banns of Marriage

TIMOTHY MURRAY & HEATHER WATERS
Wedding Date – July 28, 2017

Become a Lector or Eucharistic Minister

We especially need help at the following Masses:
Saturday • 5:00 pm Vigil and Sundays • 12:00 pm
St. Joseph's Chapel: Sundays • 10:15 am
If interested, please contact Anna McFadden at anna.mcfadden@gmail.com or call 845-265-2385.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Loretto Council #536

PHILIPSTOWN FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY

Sunday • July 30th

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting food and other items, including diapers, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, cleaners and paper towels, for the Philipstown Food Pantry the weekend of July 29th and 30th.

Please leave donations in the cry room during that weekend. Thank you for your generosity!

Grand Knight – Paul Grandetti

To join, email our Membership Director, John Hackney: johnhackney@hotmail.com.

Information can also be found at KofC536.com.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

If you have not done so already, please register your children in our 2017-2018 Religious Education Program. Registration forms have been mailed to all families who were enrolled in the program this past year.

If you did not receive the registration information, or are new to the program, please call or stop by the Parish Office to register your children for next year's classes. Thank you!

A 4-STEP FORMULA FOR READING AND DIGESTING SCRIPTURE: LECTIO DIVINA

The reader goes beyond the words of the text in front of him to an actual encounter with the Living Word of God.

Aletheia.org, Kimberly Cook – "Make knowledge of the Scriptures you love ... Live with them, meditate on them, make them the sole object of your knowledge and inquiries." – Saint Jerome

One of the most beautiful traditions of praying with Scripture, dating back as far as the 3rd century, is Lectio Divina – or Divine Reading. Lectio Divina helps the faithful follow a basic four-step formula of reading and digesting scripture:

1. Read (Lectio)
2. Meditate (Meditatio)
3. Pray (Oratio)
4. Contemplate (Contemplatio)

Lectio Divina helps the reader go beyond the words of the text in front of him to the actual encounter with the Living Word of God. It guides the reader to develop a prayerful posture of contemplation, giving him inspiration and wisdom to recognize the direct divine work of Christ in his life.

Praying with the method of Lectio Divina isn't difficult. Begin with the Gospel passage for the day or upcoming Sunday, reading it slowly and carefully – out loud if you choose. Sit quietly with the words, allowing them to be digested fully. Perhaps go back and read the passage again, listening for a word or phrase or idea that is being particularly spoken to you in this moment. Discuss this word or idea with God, thanking him for the light, asking him to bring his word to fulfillment in your life, that you may be able to recognize and act upon it. Contemplate the depth of the meaning of the words you have just read and allow that truth to transform and continue to elevate you.

The slow and thoughtful process of reading Scripture, in which you properly taste, enjoy, and digest its meaning, is the most fulfilling. When one allows the truth of the Word to transform them, they are spiritually elevated closer to Christ in all ways. The appreciation of the experience lingers deep within us and can be easily recognized by those around us.

A NIGHTLY "EXAMEN" TO HELP YOU BECOME A BETTER WIFE

For Her Blog, by Angie Windnagle – Ask these questions in your heart about your marriage and actions.

- *Do I speak with words that are good, true, lovely, and beautiful? Or do I use harsh, judgmental, and condemning words when speaking to him?*
- *Have I complained about my spouse (interiorly or aloud)?*
- *Do I share with others information about my spouse that isn't meant to be shared? Specifically failings or faults?*
- *Do I blame my spouse for my own failings?*
- *Do I cling to pride when my spouse brings up grievances or do I bear wrongs patiently?*

COMBAT THE WORLD'S ELITISM WITH INCLUSION, POPE ENCOURAGES YOUTH

Vatican City – The Catholic News Agency and EWTN News reported that last month Pope Francis participated in a Google Hangout with youth from around the world, emphasizing that "everyone has meaning," even though the world will try to exclude certain people. Combatting a world which promotes elitism and exclusion, the Pope said, "you have a meaning, everyone... has meaning, you have a meaning, it is in your hands to discover the meaning I have in life, what I am like, with the potentiality that you can... and how to give this meaning to others."

The hangout, Pope Francis' third time for the meeting, was organized for the inauguration of a new Vatican office of the Scholas Occurrentes, a world-wide initiative in schools to encourage social integration and the culture of encounter through technology, arts, and sports. Society "is accustomed to exclude, to select, to attack, to shut out people," he lamented. However, he said Scholas isn't like the world, but instead it will "include, shake hands, give a hug, [refrain from] attack, and recognize that no one is a 'no'... everyone is a 'yes,' a 'yes' for them and a 'yes' for others. To include, a 'yes' to give."

The video chat included youth from the countries of Italy, Colombia, Haiti, Paraguay, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Spain, and the United Arab Emirates. Each group took turns giving a short presentation on the impact of their local "Scholas Ciudadania" group. The Pope listened intently to each one before making his comments in Spanish.

"This work that you're doing, of encountering one another, dialoguing... is an example for us grownups," he said. Scholas was started by Pope Francis when he was Archbishop of Buenos Aires. In 2013 it was approved as an ecclesiastical institute by the Holy See. With just a few youth involved at its beginning, the foundation now consists of a worldwide network of over 400,000 state and religious schools, which are organized by Argentine school headmasters Enrique Palmeyro and José María del Corral.

WHY IT'S SO AWESOME TO BE CATHOLIC

National Catholic Register, Amanda Evinger – As Catholics, we are privileged to belong to the tried and true One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. The Catholic Church is the only church that can claim this properly on a theological level and can testify to an unbroken succession of papal authority – Apostolic Succession. As Saint Augustine of Hippo once put so beautifully:

"The Catholic Church is the work of divine providence, achieved through the prophecies of the prophets, through the Incarnation and the teaching of Christ, through the journeys of the Apostles, through the suffering, the crosses, the blood and death of the martyrs, through the admirable lives of the saints... When we see then, so much help on God's part, so much progress and so much fruit, shall we hesitate to bury ourselves in the bosom of that Church? For beginning with the apostolic chair, down through successions of bishops, even to the open confession of all mankind, it has possessed the crown of teaching authority."

What a relief to have the Magisterium – a guide to rely on as we try to solve the enigma of life. What a comfort to know that God the Father has not left us alone on the trek towards our heavenly goal. He has given us the best of teachers to carry us through. Can we fathom a parent who would not love his child enough to give him rules, boundaries and solid guidance?

We can also be grateful for the vibrant Religious Life that all Catholics, whether mindful of it or not, benefit from on a daily basis. The prayers and sacrifices of all of those clandestine saints tucked away in monasteries and convents are a tremendous help to us all, not to mention a testimony of the preeminence of gaining eternal life.

Furthermore, as Catholics we have the opportunity to worship Almighty God with all five of our senses in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and be saturated with his grace in the Seven Sacraments. Many Protestant churches confer only a couple of sacraments.

So the next time we drag ourselves out of bed to get to Mass just on time, shuffling in with wrinkled clothes, whining children and a hundred pressing things on our minds, let's remember just how awesome it is to be Catholic. Truly we are a privileged people, a holy nation, a people set apart to emanate the glory of God.

HOLY WATER

Holy Water is a sacramental that remits venial sin. It benefits the soul and body of the living and brings consolation to the souls of the departed.

The holy souls long for holy water. If we desire to make a host of intercessors for ourselves, let us always remember the holy souls at the holy water font. The holy souls nearest to heaven may need the sprinkling of only one drop to release them.

Use holy water as follows: Dip your fingers into the holy water and say,

"By this holy water and by Thy precious blood, wash away all my sin, O Lord, and relieve the souls in purgatory," and then make the Sign of the Cross.

200 AMERICANS TOOK RELIGIOUS VOWS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH LAST YEAR

New survey suggests adoration, prayer, and encouragement are keys to fostering religious life

Aleteia.org, by Philip Kosloski – Last year 200 men and women religious professed final vows in the United States – up from 136 solemn professions the year before. The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), under a commission by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), conducted its annual survey questioning those who professed perpetual vows in 2016. What they discovered were some key habits which multiple religious cited as important to their vocational pursuit.

According to the USCCB, “The survey polled women and men religious who professed perpetual vows in 2016 in a religious congregation, province, or monastery based in the U.S. CARA received a response from 610 of 759 major superiors, for an overall response rate of 80 percent among religious institutes.” The results led to some surprising discoveries that remained consistent throughout those who responded. For example, a strong prayer life was noted as a key to discernment prior to entering the religious life.

Nearly nine in ten or 86 percent of responding religious regularly participated in some type of private prayer activity before they entered their religious institute. About two-thirds participated in Eucharistic Adoration, prayed the rosary, or attended retreats before entering. Nearly six in ten participated in spiritual direction before entering.

Another common thread was the role of Catholic education.

These respondents are more likely than other U.S. Catholics to have attended a Catholic high school (38 percent of respondents, compared to 19 percent of U.S. adult Catholics) and much more likely to have attended a Catholic college (37 percent of responding religious, compared to just 10 percent of U.S. adult Catholics). Responding women religious are less likely than brothers to have attended a Catholic college (31 percent for women compared to 42 percent for men).

What else helped them make the ultimate decision? The encouragement of a parish priest.

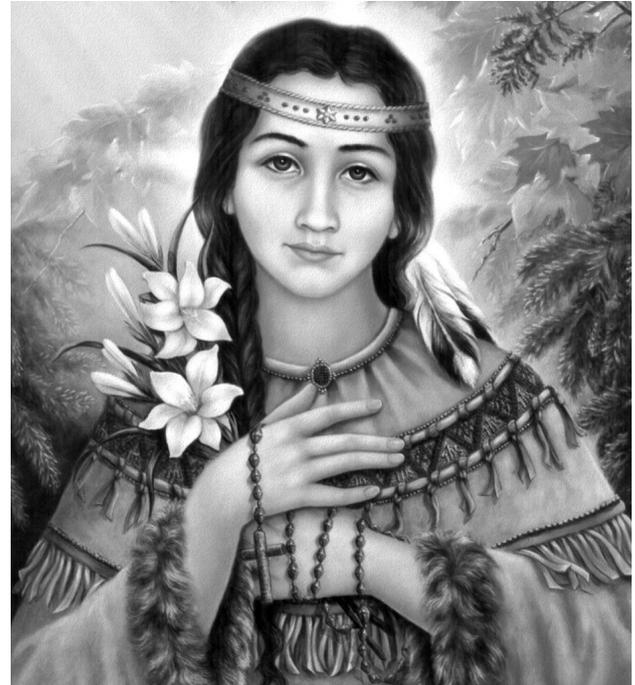
One-half say that a parish priest (53 percent) encouraged their vocation.

The results of the survey are meant to help the Church discover new ways to help young people discern where God is calling them to and what it is that leads some youth to ultimately choose the consecrated life. It is a fitting topic to discuss, as Pope Francis announced last year, the theme of the next Synod of Bishops in 2018: “Young People, Faith, and Vocational Discernment.” Pope Francis desires with this Synod “to accompany young people along their existential journey towards maturity so that, through a process of discernment, they can discover their life plan and achieve it joyfully, opening themselves up to an encounter with God and humanity and actively taking part in the building of the Church and society.” With

the recent decline of religious, the Church now wants to discover anew the beauty of consecrated life, and propose it again to young people in hopes that many more men and women will take up the call to give their whole lives to God.

SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA

Feast Day: July 14th



Kateri was born near the town of Auriesville, New York, in the year 1656, the daughter of a Mohawk warrior. She was four years old when her mother died of smallpox. The disease also attacked Kateri and transfigured her face. She was adopted by her two aunts and an uncle. Kateri became converted as a teenager. She was baptized at the age of twenty and incurred the great hostility of her tribe. Although she had to suffer greatly for her Faith, she remained firm in it.

Kateri moved to a new Christian colony of Indians in Canada. Here she lived a life dedicated to prayer, penitential practices, and care for the sick and aged. Every morning, even in bitterest winter, she stood before the chapel door until it opened at four and remained there until after the last Mass. She was devoted to the Eucharist and to Jesus Crucified. She died on April 7th, 1680 at the age of twenty-four. She is known as the “Lily of the Mohawks.” Devotion to Kateri is responsible for establishing Native American ministries in Catholic Churches all over the United States and Canada.

Kateri was declared venerable by the Catholic Church in 1943 and she was beatified in 1980. Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin, was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 21st, 2012. Hundreds of thousands have visited shrines to Kateri erected at both Saint Francis Xavier and Caughnawaga and at her birth place at Auriesville, New York. Pilgrimages at these sites continue today. Saint Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American to be declared a Saint. Her feast day is July 14th. She is the patroness of the environment and ecology as is Saint Francis of Assisi.